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Belarus, Cambodia, Côte d'Ivoire, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Mauritius, Russian Federation, Singapore, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan: draft resolution

Activities undertaken during the International Year of Freshwater, 2003, and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/196 of 20 December 2000, by which it proclaimed 2003 the International Year of Freshwater, and its resolution 58/217 of 23 December 2003, by which it proclaimed that the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015, would commence on World Water Day, 22 March 2005,

Emphasizing that water is critical for sustainable development, including environmental integrity and the eradication of poverty and hunger, and is indispensable for human health and well-being,

Recalling the provisions of Agenda 21,[1] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 adopted at its nineteenth special session,[2] the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation")[3] and the decisions of the Economic and Social Council

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution I, annex II.

[2] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

[3] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

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and of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its sixth session[4] relating to freshwater,

Reaffirming the internationally agreed development goals on water and sanitation, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration,[5] and determined to achieve the goal to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people who are unable to reach or to afford safe drinking water, and the goals set out in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation to halve the proportion of people without access to basic sanitation as well as develop integrated water resources management and water efficiency plans by 2005,

Recalling the Ministerial Declaration, entitled "Message from Lake Biwa and the Yodo River Basin", adopted on 23 March 2003 at the Ministerial Conference of the Third World Water Forum, held in Kyoto, Japan,[6] and the Dushanbe Water Appeal, proclaimed on 1 September 2003 at the International Freshwater Forum, held in Dushanbe from 29 August to 1 September 2003,[7]

Welcoming the decision of the Secretary-General to establish an Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation,[8] consisting of eminent persons with expertise in the field, to raise awareness and help mobilize resources for achieving the internationally agreed water and sanitation goals and targets,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[9]

2. *Welcomes* the activities undertaken by the Member States, the United Nations Secretariat, the organizations of the United Nations system and the major groups that were engaged in inter-agency work related to freshwater for the observance of the International Year of Freshwater, 2003;

3. *Welcomes also* the partnership initiatives on water and water management that have been launched, and invites further initiatives in this regard;

4. *Encourages* Member States, the Secretariat, organizations of the United Nations system and major groups to continue their efforts to achieve the internationally agreed water-related goals contained in Agenda 21,[1] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[2] the Millennium Declaration[5] and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation,[3] and, as appropriate, those identified during the twelfth and at the upcoming thirteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development;[10]

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to take appropriate actions in organizing the activities of the Decade, taking into account the results of the International Year of Freshwater and the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its twelfth and thirteenth sessions;

6. *Calls upon* the relevant United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system to step

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[4] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1998, Supplement No. 9* (E/1998/29).
[5] See resolution 55/2.
[6] A/57/785, annex.
[7] A/58/362, annex.
[8] See A/59/167, para. 42.
[9] A/59/167.
[10] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2004, Supplement No. 9* (E/2004/29), chap. II, Chairman's summary, paras. 56-81.

up their efforts to deliver a coordinated response in order to make the International Decade for Action "Water for Life", 2005-2015 a decade of delivering promises through the efficient utilization of existing resources and by seeking additional funding through the voluntary contributions of Member States;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.